

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Cesare GALLI et al.  
Serial No.: New  
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For: SOURCE OF NUCLEI FOR NUCLEAR TRANSFER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";  
Claim 4, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 6, line 3, delete "any of claims 1 to 5",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 7, line 3, delete "any of claims 1 to 5",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 10, lines 2-3, delete "any of claims 1 to 8",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 11, lines 2-3, delete "any of claims 1 to 8",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.